

# Gateway Readers Award Program



The **Gateway Readers Award Program** is a state-wide student's choice reading program for students in 9th – 12th grades. It is sponsored by the Missouri Association of School Librarians.

Students participate by reading or listening to at least 3 books from a list of 15 quality books for young adults that have been selected by teachers and librarians around the state. These are all books that were published two years prior to the current year. Students then vote for their favorite book to help choose the new winner. The author of the book which receives the most votes statewide receives a special award.

Here at Missouri School for the Blind, those students who participate are invited to participate in an end-of-year activity that is book-related. Past excursions took participants to the public library to learn about downloadable books and to a bookstore, where they could browse through the recorded bookshelves and purchase books for themselves. Other years, participants enjoyed a pizza-and-movie-night at which they watched a movie based on one of the books they have read, or if the timing is right, to a theater to watch a new movie based on one of the teen books they've read.

For more information on the Gateway Readers Award Program, and for the list of current nominees and past winners, click here: [Gateway Readers Award Program](#)